

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 are pending in the application. Claims 3-10 stand rejected.

Claims 1, 2 and 11 are indicated to be in allowable form. Claims 3 and 6 have been amended.

The Office Action objects to the figures as not showing the features of claim 3. Applicant thanks the Examiner for his observation and has amended the subject matter recited in claim 3 to be consistent with the figures provided.

Applicant believes that in view of the amendment to claim 3, no amendments to the drawings are necessary.

For at least this reason, applicant respectfully requests that the objection be withdrawn.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 1, 2 and 11.

Claims 3-6 and 10 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Tada et al. (hereinafter Tada).

Applicant respectfully disagrees with and explicitly traverses the reason for rejecting the claims. However, claims 3 and 6 have been amended to include the subject matter which the Examiner has indicated to not have been disclosed by the Tada reference, -- i.e., the colloidal layer includes a varying refractive index.

Having amended independent claims 3 and 6 to include subject matter similar to that recited in allowable claim 1, applicant submits that the reason for the rejection of these claims has been overcome and respectfully requests that the rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 7-9 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tada in view of Tada in view of Tomoike.

Applicant respectfully disagrees with and explicitly traverses the reason for rejecting the claims.

Claims 7-9 depend from claim 6, which has been shown to include subject matter not disclosed by Tada and Tomoike fails to provide any teaching to correct the deficiency found to exist in the teachings of Tada.

For at least this reason applicant submits that the rejection of these claims has been overcome and respectfully requests that the rejection be withdrawn.

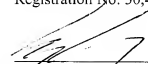
Although the instant Office Action is made Final, applicant respectfully requests that the amendments to the claims be entered, as the amendments are believed to place the claims in an allowable form.

For all the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all the present claims are patentable in view of the cited references. A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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